

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, line 4, insert the following paragraphs and titles before the paragraph beginning with "The invention relates to ...":

CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This is a U.S. national stage of application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international stage application No. PCT/FI99/00562, filed on June 24, 1999. Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) and 35 U.S.C. §365(b) from Finnish Patent Application No. 981450, which was filed on June 24, 1998; and from which priority was properly claimed in the aforementioned international stage application.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

Page 1, before line 6, the paragraph beginning with "A prior-art solution", insert the following title:

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2. Description of the Related Art

Page 1, before line 21, the paragraph beginning with "An object of ...", insert the following title:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Page 2, line 3, delete the paragraph beginning with "The method according ..." in its entirety.

Page 4, before line 26, the paragraph beginning with "The invention will...", insert the following paragraph and title:

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 Other objects and features of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings. It is to be understood, however, that the drawings are designed solely for purposes of illustration and not as a definition of the limits of the invention, for which reference should be made to the appended claims. It should be further understood that the drawings are not necessarily drawn to scale and that, unless otherwise indicated, they are merely intended to conceptually illustrate the structures and procedures described herein.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 4, line 26, replace the paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

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 The invention will now be described in more detail with reference to the preferred embodiments presented by way of example and to the accompanying drawing wherein like elements are denoted by like reference designators and wherein:

Page 5, line 11, delete paragraph beginning "Like elements..." in its entirety.

Page 5, line 12, before the paragraph beginning with "Fig. 1 illustrates an embodiment...", insert the following title:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Page 10, line 12, replace the paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

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 The network element may realize towards the host network other interfaces than those mentioned above. Fig. 6 shows a structure according to a preferred embodiment of the invention. In Fig. 6, a plurality of subscriber apparatus 21 are connected to ~~the~~ network element 11, and the interface between the network element 11 and host network ~~[92, 93]~~ 90 is a radio interface 95b. In

a7 this kind of an embodiment the network element emulates a number of mobile communication devices. Of the components of the host network 90, Fig. 6 shows base stations 92 and a base station controller 93. In this kind of an embodiment the network element comprises a transmitter unit to which the necessary antenna equipment is connected. Such a transmitter unit can be realized e.g. in the output unit 13.

Page 10, line 22, replace the paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

a8 Fig. 7 shows a structure according to a preferred embodiment of the invention. In Fig. 7, the network element 11 realizes an interface 95c similar to that between a base station and base station controller 93 so that as far as the host network is concerned, the network element 11 functions as a base station. In an embodiment in which the host network is a GSM network, the interface 95c is an Abis interface. In an embodiment in which the host network is a UMTS network, the interface 95c is an Iub interface.

Page 11, line 15, delete the paragraph beginning with "Above the invention" and replace it with the following paragraph:

a9 Thus, while there have shown and described and pointed out fundamental novel features of the invention as applied to a preferred embodiment thereof, it will be understood that various omissions and substitutions and changes in the form and details of the devices illustrated, and in their operation, may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention. For example, it is expressly intended that all combinations of those elements and/or method steps which perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve the same results are within the scope of the invention. Moreover, it should be recognized that structures and/or elements and/or method steps shown and/or described in connection with any disclosed form or embodiment of the invention may be incorporated in any other disclosed or described or suggested form or embodiment as a general matter of design choice. It is the intention, therefore, to be limited only as indicated by the scope of the claims appended hereto.

Page 12, line 2, insert the following paragraph under the header "Claims":

What is claimed is: